

San Juan Islands Terrestrial Managers Group:

A testimonial to how a whole can be so much greater than the sum of its parts



San Juan Islands National Monument

- 76 Locations
- 1020 acres spread across 111,360 or < 1% total county acreage

Resource Objects and Values

- Coast Salish Peoples History
- Outstanding Natural Setting
- Historic Lighthouses



What's the challenge?

Presidential Proclamation = Designating language Resource Objects and Values

National Landscape Conservation System
Protect, Conserve, Restore

Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA)
Multiple Use Mandate

the Solution

Eight Conservation Lands Managers

Private

San Juan Preservation Trust

Local

San Juan County Parks

San Juan County Land Bank

State

Dept of Parks and Recreation

Dept of Natural Resources

Federal

NPS - San Juan Island National Historical Park

USFW - San Juan Islands National Wildlife Reserve

BLM - San Juan Islands National Monument



Management Issues in Common

Tourism dependent economy booms threatening the “golden goose”

Southern Resident Orcas and Chinook Salmon are Endangered

Tribal relationships and responsibilities

EuroAmericans – 300 years Coast Salish People – 13,000 years

Approximately 50% absentee ownership

Rural county with lots of 2nd homes/VRBOs

Missed opportunities for key locations to be preserved

Separate stakeholder groups

Limited resources to address management and protection

County is 72% water

Inadequate Wildfire Preparation



How about those agreements!

- Demonstrates political savvy and intent
- Shared science, employees and volunteers, boats!
- Efficiencies relating to large landscape perspectives
- Commitments build on each other

Charter of the Terrestrial Managers Group - San Juan Islands, Washington

Mission: The Terrestrial Managers Group represents the collaboration of nonprofit and governmental land managers cooperating on resource management across jurisdictional boundaries to promote planning efficiencies, leverage individual efforts, address gaps in resource knowledge, and inspire a shared vision for local conservation lands.

Specifically, the Terrestrial Managers Group strives to:

1. Help create financial and operational efficiencies in managing conservation lands by promoting cooperative efforts within the group.
2. Foster stewardship for landscape health throughout the San Juan Islands community.
3. Promote diversity and inclusiveness by providing stewardship opportunities for youth, veterans, and underrepresented local communities.
4. Provide a forum for communication and coordinated decision-making regarding capital improvements.
5. Provide a forum for resolving conflicts among partners by using open communications to find positive solutions to problems.
6. Encourage use of long-range planning efforts as a basis for sound management decision-making.
7. Coordinate resource information and research efforts, and promote science-based decisions that are tied to accomplishing existing resource management plans.
8. Celebrate and communicate achievements within the group as well as to the citizens of the San Juans and our respective officials and leaders.
9. Support the integration of Leave No Trace principles in all plans and implementation actions on the landscape.

What comes first?

Make Conservation the Shared Value

The Subaru Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers came to SJI State Parks employee becomes WA State LNT Lead



San Juan Islands
Principles of Leave No Trace



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Welcome to the San Juan Islands! Whether in the center of the archipelago or on the outer edges, the San Juan Islands are a beautiful and diverse landscape. As you explore the islands, you'll find a wealth of natural resources, including old-growth forests, rugged coastlines, and diverse wildlife.

Currently, it is estimated that the San Juan Islands have more than 1 million visitors per year. With visitors on the islands, it's important to take responsibility for the islands and the people who live there.

The Six Make a Difference

- Learn the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace for the San Juan Islands and follow them.
- Share what you learn with your friends and family.
- Use your own best judgment to follow the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace in wilderness areas.

Following Leave No Trace principles will help protect the island and preserve the island experience for you and for future visitors.

The San Juan Islands 7 Principles of Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare**
 To stay safe, reduce stress and make the most of your visit.
 - Prepare for adverse weather, tides, currents, hazards and emergencies.
 - Schedule your trip to avoid times of high water.
 - The more you know about the area, the more fun you'll have!
- Stick to Designated Camp Overnight Sites**
 To protect high-use sites as well as unique wildflowers, mosses and lichens, shrubs and other plants, and other plants and animals.
 - Do not create new trails or camps.
 - Camp only in designated campsites.
- Think Your Trash and Pick Up Your Trash**
 Remove waste & garbage so it can be recycled, reused or disposed of properly.
 - To protect wildlife, human health and the environment:
 - Pack 3 in. x 3 in. x 3 in. PVC filter—most garbage, trash and containers like bags and plastic are not allowed.
 - Use a bag to pack and your pack's pump to dispose of your trash.
- Leave It and Let It Be**
 To allow visitors to enjoy the natural beauty of the San Juan Islands and their wildlife.
 - Leave plants, rocks and other natural items in place.
 - Do not touch or climb on trees, rocks or other natural features.
 - Follow posted signs and warnings.
 - Look for parking permits only at LNT.
- Be Considerate with Pets**
 To keep your pet from harassing animals, wildlife or other visitors:
 - Do not walk the dog or keep your pet on a leash.
 - Do not allow your pet to dig or defecate.
 - Do not allow your pet to bark or bark excessively.
 - Do not allow your pet to roam off-leash.
 - Do not allow your pet to enter wildlife's space.
- Keep Wildlife Wild**
 Watching or feeding wildlife disrupts their health, alters natural behaviors, and increases their dependence on humans. To keep wildlife healthy:
 - Observe wildlife from a distance and never approach, feed or follow them.
 - Learn and follow the rules that prohibit feeding and handling of wildlife.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors**
 To increase the enjoyment of the wilderness for all visitors:
 - Keep your pet under control at all times.
 - Yield to others on the trail.
 - Do not allow your pet to bark or bark excessively.
 - Do not allow your pet to enter wildlife's space.

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Scattershot Tourism or Sustainable Tourism?

Sustainable tourism supports or enhances the intrinsic values of a place: the environment, the communities, cultural aesthetics, and histories.

Ask these questions:

- What's the worst thing that can happen?
- What's the best thing that can happen?
- What should we managers do about it?
- What are you willing to do about it?



Who acted?

**Health and wellness businesses, Cyclists,
Garden clubs, Artists, Small farms,
Museums, Theaters and Book stores!**



Over a period of 4 years, 4 studies and an executive summary were accomplished to share with the public and to inform management decisions.

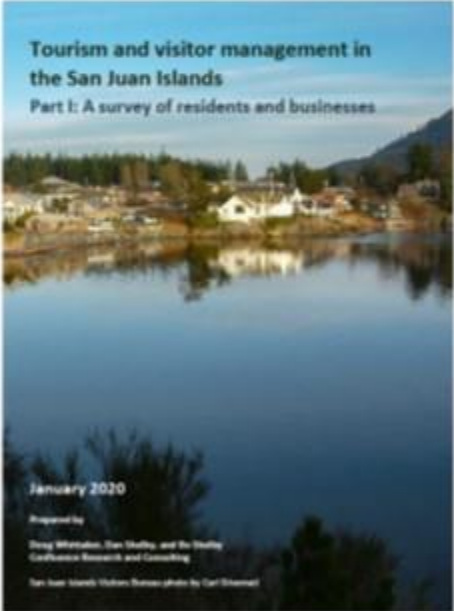
How did we get here?
Where are we heading?



Oct 2016
Conduct

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Tourism and visitor management in the San Juan Islands
Part I: A survey of residents and businesses



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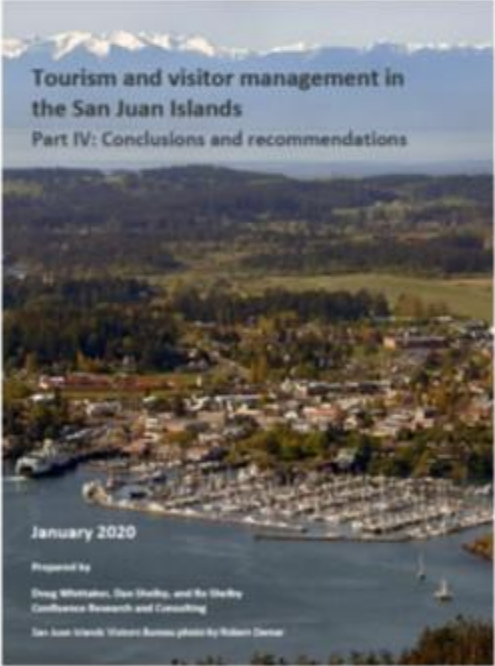
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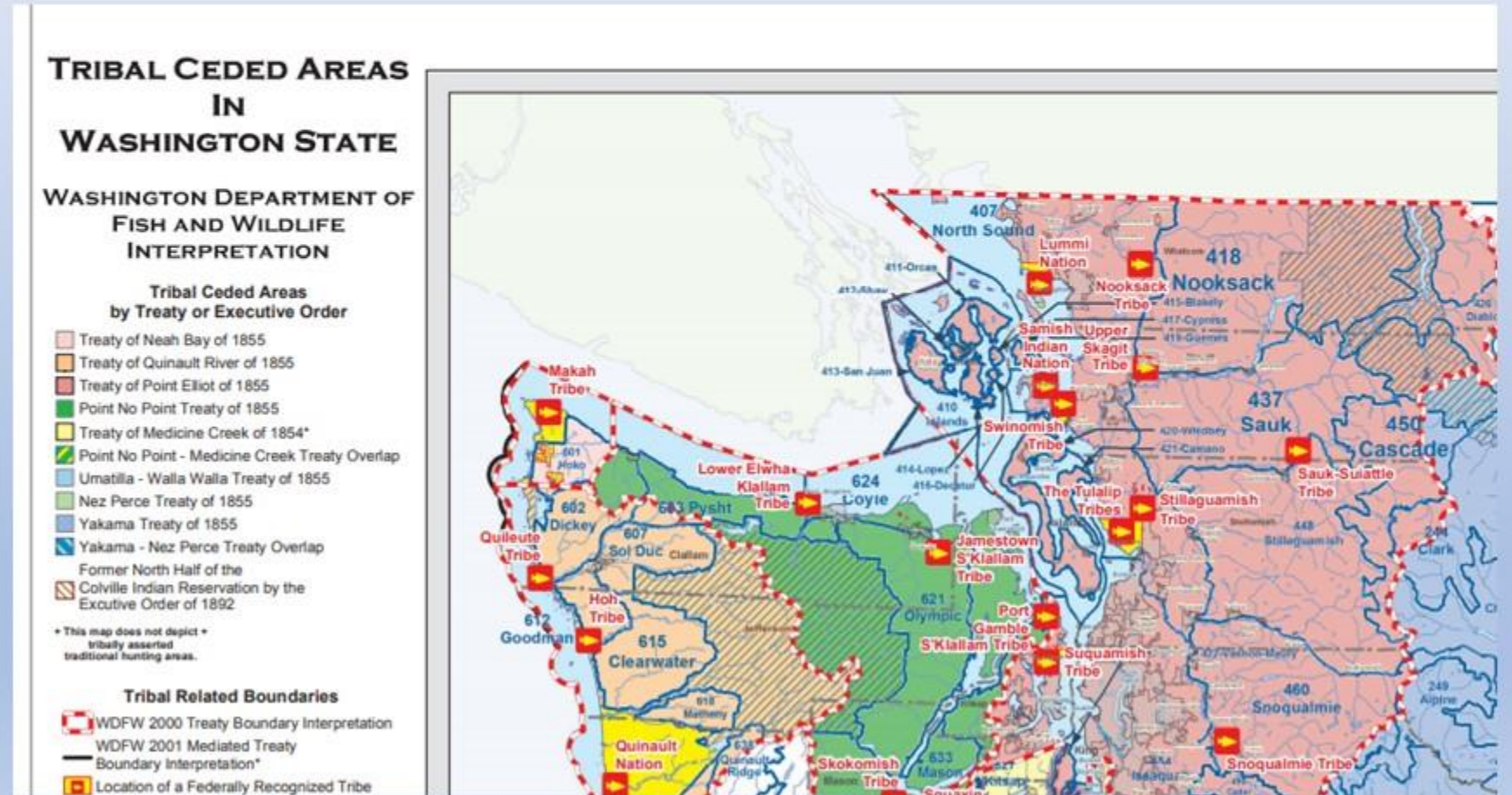


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Who decides what Conserve, Protect, and Restore means on the National Monument?

- Lummi Nation
- Nooksack Tribe
- Samish Indian Nation
- Upper Skagit Tribe
- Swinomish Tribe
- Stilliquamish
- The Tulalip Tribes
- Suquamish Tribe
- Port Gamble Tribe
- Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
- Lower Elwha Tribe





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A Sense of Place: Indigenous Perspectives on Earth and Sky
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Presented by: Robin Wolf Kimmurat
 The Earth, the Sky, and the Ocean: A Poem by
 Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers

Dr. Kimmurat is the author of the book, 'Indigenous Perspectives on Earth and Sky: A Poem by Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers'. She is also a faculty member at the University of Washington and a member of the National Indigenous Leadership Institute.

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Coast Salish Sea

- Raising story poles at the NPS Centennial Event
- Intertribal Canoe Journeys
- Youth Culture Camps
- Youth Mini Canoe Journeys
- Coast Salish Speakers Series
- Transfers of significant landscapes to Tribes
- Refocus of Interpretive Themes, with Tribal involvement
- A Sense of Place: Indigenous Perspectives on Earth and Sky



* Firewise Communities

* Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network

Local Community Buy-in

- 3 Island's Youth Conservation Corps
- Intertribal Stewardship Corps
- Americorps
- American Hiking Society Volunteer Vacations
- Find Your Park
- Hands on the Land
- Friends of Moran State
- Turn Point Lighthouse Preservation Society
- Keepers of the Patos Light
- San Juan, Orcas, and Lopez Historical Societies
- Procession of the Species



Questions?

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